(b) whether the said Plant continues to be in the red; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The capital expenditure and cash losses incurred at IISCO for the last Three years are as under:

	Capital Expenditure (Rs. /Cr.)	*Cash Loss* (Rs./Cr.)
1987-88	48	98.69
1988-89	99	97.59
1989-90	106	115.49

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) IISCO suffered a loss of Rs. 138.08 crores in 1989-90. In 1990-91 also IISCO suffered a loss but exact figures are not available as the accounts are under audit.

Some of the major reasons for incurring loss are:

(i) Poor quality of raw materials and input constraints;

(ii) Energy intensive and obsolete technology; and

(iii) Old and outdated plant and equipment.

Arms Supply to CRPF in Punjab and J & K

5055. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Less arms supply grippled CRPF in J & K, Punjab" appearing in the Indian Express of August 13, 1991;

(b) if so, the reasons for making inadequate supplies of arms, ammunition and explosives to the CRPF in Punjab and J&K; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government has equipped CRPF with necessary arms ammunition and explosives to meet any kind of eventuality in Punjab and J&K.

Distribution of Water Amongst Haryana Punjab and Rajasthan

5056. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been made to the Government requesting for the reference of the issue of distribution of water amongst Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan to the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Horticulture

5057. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the potential for the development of horticulture in each State and Union Territory;

(b) the progress of development and the list of horticultural produces in each State and Union Territory;

(c) the steps taken/programmes launched to increase the production of these crops; and

(d) the export potential of horticultural produces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The statement showing the potential horticultural corps and major horticultural crops grown for commercial purposes in all the States and Union Territories of India, is enclosed.

(c) The following assistance is provided by the Government:-

(i) The Government is providing inputs to the growers such as planting material, fertiliser, pesticides, plant protection equipments, irrigation facilities etc. at subsidised rates;

(ii) Rendering technical advice through various extension agencies and imparting training to the growers;

(iii) Post-harvest handling infrastructure is being strengthened;

(iv) Financial assistance is being provided through commercial institutions for development of horticulture.

(v) Laying out demonstrations to educate the farmers on improved technology of crop production;

(vi) Research support is strengthened through ICAR Institute and State Agricultural Universities;

(vii) The following schemes have been approved by the Central Government:-

(a) Schemes of National Horticulture Board;

(b) Schemes of Coconut Development Board;

(c) Scheme for assistance to SFCI for Establishment of Elite Progeny Orchards;

(d) Scheme for production of Fruits & Vegetables and augmenting vegetable Seed Production;

(e) Scheme for Integrated Development of Tropical & Arid Zone Fruits;

(f) Scheme for Integrated Programme for Development of Spices; and

(g) Scheme for Development of Cashewnut.

(d) As per the report of the Working